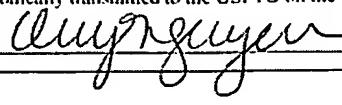


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Sir:

Applicant's attorney is thankful to Examiner Vrettakos for the telephone interview of March 4, 2008. The participants of this interview included Examiner Vrettakos and Richard Batt (VP of Intellectual Property for Broncus Technologies, Inc.).

The parties discussed the pending claims and in particular, amending Claim 1 to recite more specific anatomy and steps. Applicant agreed to amend the claims as indicated in the allowed claims.

Agreement was reached that the amended claims were patentable and acceptable to Applicant and the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the appropriate fee and/or petition is not filed herewith and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-3973 referencing Attorney Docket No.

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